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SUBJECT: VISIT BY NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS TO MOROCCO

1. SUMMARY: HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO TANGIER JULY 17-20  
OF NUCLEAR POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND CRUISER MADE  
EXCELLENT IMPRESSION IN MOROCCO AND INDICATED LESSENERED  
GOM DESIRE TO KEEP NPW SHIP VISITS IN LOW KEY. END SUMMARY.

2. NUCLEAR POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND CRUISER, USS  
NIMITZ AND USS SOUTH CAROLINA, CONDUCTED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL  
VISIT TO TANGIER JULY 17-20. UNLIKE FIRST NPW VISIT BY  
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SUBMARINE TO SOUTHERN PORT OF SAFI IN MARCH (RABAT 1722),

MOROCCANS INDICATED NO DESIRE TO KEEP VISIT LOW KEY. INSTEAD, THEY WELCOMED TWO OF OUR MOST IMPOSING VESSELS WITH NEARLY 6,000 IN CREWS AT HEIGHT OF TOURIST SEASON. CREWS WERE WELL RECEIVED IN TANGIER WITH ONLY ONE MINOR INCIDENT AND CONDUCTED THEMSELVES OUTSTANDINGLY.

3. PROTOCOL ASPECTS. DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING VISIT WAS SUBMITTED JUNE 10, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOROCCAN DESIRE FOR SIX-WEEK NOTICE. MOROCCAN WRITTEN APPROVAL PROVIDED ON JULY 2, ALTHOUGH INFORMAL ASSURANCES RECEIVED AS EARLY AS JUNE 25.

4. REAR ADMIRAL CARROLL, COMMANDER TASK FORCE 60, AND COMMANDING OFFICERS TWO SHIPS CALLED ON TANGIER GOVERNOR BERNOUSSI AND LEADING AIDES JULY 17 AND RECEIVED MOROCCANS ABOARD SHIP FOR RETURN CALL AND LUNCH. GOVERNOR EXPRESSED WARM FRIENDSHIP FOR US AND STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENTS. HE CALLED ON US TO EXERT STRONG LEADERSHIP AND STRESSED US NAVY ALWAYS WELCOME IN TANGIER. GOVERNOR ALSO EXHIBITED KEEN INTEREST IN ANY POTENTIAL RISK ENTAILED BY NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND SEEMED CONVINCED BY ADMIRAL'S EXPLANATION THAT NO ENVIRONMENTAL DANGERS WERE INVOLVED. CONSULATE GENERAL AND ALUSNA HOSTED RECEPTION EVENING JULY 17 WITH NORMAL TURNOUT OF LOCAL OFFICIALS AND CONSULAR CORPS, ALTHOUGH GOVERNOR AND PARTY REGRETTED BECAUSE OF ARRIVAL OF CROWN PRINCE SAME EVENING. GOVERNOR GAVE RETURN DINNER ON JULY 19, AGAIN VOICING STRONG PRO-AMERICAN OPINIONS. HE AND CHIEF OF POLICE HIGHLY PRAISED BEHAVIOR OF US PERSONNEL ASHORE AND REITERATED WELCOME FOR FUTURE VISITS. TOURS OF SHIPS WERE TAKEN BY LOCAL DIGNITARIES AND THEY APPEARED IMPRESSED.

5. MOROCCAN NAVY DISPATCHED LCU FROM CASABLANCA TO TANGIER FOR THE VISIT AND MOROCCAN NAVAL OFFICERS ABOARD SERVED IN LIAISON CAPACITY. TWO MOROCCAN OFFICERS WENT TO SEA ABOARD NIMITZ FOR JULY 18 RENDEZVOUS BETWEEN NIMITZ AND SARATOGA, OBSERVING TRANSFER OPERATIONS OF ADMIRAL'S STAFF TO NIMITZ.

6. LOCAL PUBLICITY. OFFICIAL MAP NEWS AGENCY ISSUED  
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BRIEF FACTUAL PRESS RELEASE ON VISIT ON JULY 17, MENTIONING THAT SHIPS NUCLEAR POWERED. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE IN SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS JULY 19 AND 20 WAS ALSO FACTUAL AND CONFINED TO INSIDE PAGES, OMITTING ANY FURTHER MENTION OF NUCLEAR PROPULSION.  
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